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Annual Jail Inspection

## Annual Jail Profile

### Hamilton County Justice Center

1000 Sycamore Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Hamilton County  
FSJ Classification  
Western Region  
Built: 1985

**Sheriff/Chief:** Sheriff Simon L. Leis, Jr.

**Jail Administrator:** Director Joseph Schmitz

**Major Renovation Dates:** 93, 95, 00, 03

**Inspection Date** 4/16/2008 **Jail Inspector:** Lataunia Pitts-Wilson

### Housing Data

**Bureau Recommended Housing Capacity:** 865

**General Housing:** 1424 **Special Housing:** 89

**BAD Recommended Holding Capacity:** 85  
**Holding Cells:** 14

### Prisoner Data

**30 Day Daily Count:** 1212

### Population Breakdown

*A summary of the jail population on the date of the inspection.*

**Total # of Prisoners in Holding Cells:** 82

**Total # Prisoners being Housed on date of inspection:** 1114

	Sentenced Felon	Un-sentenced Felon	Sentenced Misdemeanor	Un-sentenced Misdemeanor	APA Holder	Federal Agency	Other Agency	Total
Adult Male	125	545	102	116	16	32	0	936
Adult Female	32	79	22	16	4	2	0	155
Juvenile Male	4	19	0	0	NA	NA	NA	23
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### Previous Year End Totals

*All totals are based on the previous calendar year.*

**Total Number of Adult Prisoners** 48390 **Total Number of Juvenile Prisoners:** 52

### Critical Incidents:

**Suicide(s):** 0 **Other Death(s):** 3 **Fire(s):** 0  
**Escape(s) from the Jail Perimeter:** 0  
**Escape(s) from outside the jail perimeter:** 0  
**Sexual Misconduct between Inmates:** 0  
**Sexual Misconduct between Staff and inmate:** 0

## Operational

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Number of Standards the Jail is in Compliance 64

## Facility

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### Non-Compliance

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# ANNUAL DATA ITEMS – FULL SERVICE / MINIMUM SECURITY JAIL 2008

Email Form

## Section 1: Facility Basic Information

Date: 4/16/08 Inspector: Lataunia Pitts-Wilson Region: Western

Name of Jail: Hamilton Co. Justice Center

Address: 1000 Sycamore St. City: Cincinnati Zip: 45202

County: Hamilton Fax #: (513) 946-6616 Phone #: (513) 946-6000

Alt. Phone #: (513) 946-6609 Email Address: jeiser@sheriff.hamilton-co.org

Operating Authority: ☒ County ☐ City ☐ Village ☐ Township ☐ Regional ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sheriff/ Chief/ Supt.: Sheriff Simon L. Leis Jr. Jail Administrator: Joseph Schmitz

Commissioners / Mayor/ Manager Address: 1000 Sycamore St. Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Year Jail Opened: 1985 Major Renovation Dates: 93' 95' 00', 03'

## Section 2: Facility Housing/Holding Data

General Housing Capacity		Special Housing Capacity		Holding Cell(s) Capacity		Holding Cell(s) Type	
# Adult Males	1,184	# Medical	43	# Adult Males	12	# Detox Only	1
# Adult Females	208	# Segregation	0	# Adult Females	12	# Intake Only	3
# Juvenile Males	32	# Disciplinary	0	# Juvenile Males	0	# Padded Cells	0
# Juvenile Females	0	# Suicide Watch	46	# Juvenile Females	0	# Other Use Cells	10
# As Needed Beds	0	# Other Use	0	# As Needed Seats	61	# Mixed Use Cells	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

Comments: many cells are now double bunked. Total bed count= 1513

Court Ordered Population Capacity: 1240 Explain: limit set be federal court

Average Daily Prisoner Count (fraction/decimal)	1,212.00	Average length of stay for prisoners in <u>17.00</u> Hours	17.00
High Prisoner Count (one day)	1,329	Number of people on waiting list	0
Low Prisoner Count (one day)	1,086		

**Complete the following about your prisoner population for the date of the inspection or the date prior to the inspection.**

Number <u>received</u> during the day	150	Number <u>released</u> or transferred during the day	150
Number of <u>your</u> prisoners housed in other jail	0	Number housed for <u>another</u> jurisdiction	0
Number awaiting transport to State Prison	29		

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**Section 3: Facility Operations**

Accredited by: ☐ BAD ☒ NCCHC ☐ ACA ☐ NCALEA ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of prisoner supervision (Check all that apply): ☒ Direct ☒ Intermittent ☒ Remote Post

# of Pending Civil Law Suits: 3 # of Active Court Orders/Decrees: Federal 1 Common Pleas \_\_\_\_\_

Contracted Services: ☒ Medical ☒ Food Services ☐ Commissary ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Staffing			
Staff Gender	Jail Administrator	Full-Time Jail Security	Part-Time Jail Security
Male Staff	1	257	0
Female Staff	0	45	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	302	0

**Section 4. Financial Operations**

*Complete the following financial tables based on the current operations of your jail.*

**A. Average Meal Cost per prisoner:**

Breakfast \$0.84

Lunch \$0.84

Dinner \$0.84

**B. Cost per Bed:** \$65.00

**C. For each of the following expenses indicate if prisoners are required to pay these expenses and, if applicable, how much are they currently charged?**

Expense	Are Prisoners Required to Pay? (Y/N)	Average amount prisoners are required to pay
Per Diem/ Room/ Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Actual medical/dental costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Co-pay Medical/ dental	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Booking Fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hygiene Items	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Property Damage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Staff Overtime	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Work Release Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**5. Prisoner Count Breakdown on date of Annual Inspection (or date prior to)**

On the date of your inspection, how many prisoners do you have in holding and how many prisoners do you have in housing? Using the tables below, please provide the appropriate counts for each table. DO NOT count the same prisoner(s) in both tables, and more than one category; choose the more appropriate table and category.

**A. HOLDING CELL COUNT**

Total number of prisoner being held in holding cells: 82

**TABLE 5-A**

Number of prisoners being held in the <u>Holding Cells</u>	Adult Male Prisoners	Adult Female Prisoners	Male Juvenile Prisoners	Female Juvenile Prisoners
	72	10	0	0

**B. HOUSING AREA COUNT**

Total number of prisoner being housed in cells, rooms, or dormitories: 1114

**TABLE 5-B**

If a prisoner is in more than one category, then choose the most primary category. Only count each prisoner <u>once</u> .		Adult Male	Adult Female	Juvenile Male	Juvenile Female
Common Pleas / Municipal Court	Sentenced Felony	125	32	4	0
	Un-Sentenced Felony	545	79	19	0
	Sentenced Misdemeanor	102	22	0	0
	Un-Sentenced Misdemeanor	116	16	0	0
Other	APA Holder	16	4	NA	NA
	Federal Inmate	32	2	NA	NA
	<b>TOTAL</b>	936	155	23	0

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**6. Prisoner Demographics**

*Using the total number of prisoners from tables 5-A and 5-B complete the following demographic tables. These totals should include prisoners in both housing and holding. The total number of prisoners **must** add up to the total number of prisoners in Section 5-A and 5-B.*

**Total Prisoners from Section 5:**

**Male**      1,031

**Female**      165

<b>Male Population</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total for Row</b>
Under 18	0	23	0	0	0	23
18 – 29	126	351	0	0	9	486
30 – 39	86	149	0	0	2	237
40 – 49	73	117	0	0	1	191
50 – 59	29	47	0	0	1	77
60 – 69	6	10	0	0	0	16
Above 70	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,031</b>

<b>Female Population</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total for Row</b>
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 – 29	40	38	0	0	0	78
30 – 39	27	15	0	0	0	42
40 – 49	15	18	0	0	0	33
50 – 59	7	4	0	0	0	11
60 – 69	1	0	0	0	0	1
Above 70	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>165</b>

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## 7. 2007 Year-End Stats

Complete the following tables using year-end 2007 totals  
(January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007).

A. What was your total number of ADULT prisoners in 2007? 48,390

B. What was your total number of JUVENILE prisoners in 2007? 52

C. Complete the following for your 2007 juvenile prisoners:

Juvenile Prisoner Classification	Juveniles Booked	Juvenile Bind- Overs Housed	Juvenile Status Offenders Booked
Total Juveniles for 2007	0	52	0

D. Complete the following for your 2007 Critical Incidents (Include all incidents for each category that occurred during the 2007 calendar year.)

Type of Incident	2007 Total
Completed Suicide (including anyone that subsequently dies at the hospital, etc.).	0
Serious Suicide Attempt where medical treatment is administered.	12
Other deaths (including anyone still under jail custody who dies at the hospital, etc.).	3
Escapes from inside the jail (e.g. escapes by trickery or breaching the perimeter walls).	0
Escapes from jail custody outside the perimeter (e.g. walk away, escape during transport)	0
Serious fires where prisoners were moved or evacuated because of fire or smoke.	0
Sexual Misconduct – inmate sexual assault on another inmate (substantiated)	0
Sexual Misconduct – staff sexual assault on an inmate (substantiated)	0
Inmate assaults on other inmates; resulting in serious injury.	55
Inmate assaults on jail staff; resulting in serious injury (loss of work time).	50
Inmate assaults on other persons within the jail; resulting in injury.	2
Other Critical Incidents – (e.g. jail security compromised, weapon inside perimeter) (List Below):	0

Other List: